

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for the formation of a coating on at least a portion of a plastic substrate, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein said process is carried out at a temperature at least equal to the maximum temperature of use of the coated substrate minus 20°C.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein said process employs a plasma CVD.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein said process or 2, ~~characterized in that it~~ is carried out at a temperature at least equal to the maximum temperature of use of the coated substrate.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it~~ claim 1, wherein said process is carried out at a temperature below the temperature at which the plastic weakens.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it~~ claim 1, wherein said process is carried out at a temperature as close as possible to the temperature at which the plastic weakens.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it~~ claim 1, wherein said process employs cooling means.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the~~ claim 1, wherein said coating is formed in several stages.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it~~ claim 1, wherein said process comprises the operations consisting successively in

- a) stabilizing the substrate to be coated at a temperature at least equal to its maximum temperature of use minus 20°C,
- b) forming the coating while taking care that the temperature of the substrate does not reach the temperature at which the plastic weakens,
- c) carrying out operations a) and b) again, if necessary, according to the thickness and other characteristics desired for the coating.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The process as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the substrate is ~~made of~~ comprises polycarbonate and ~~in that~~ wherein the process is carried out at a temperature at least equal to 120°C.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A product comprising a plastic substrate provided with a coating ~~formed produced by the process~~ as claimed in ~~the process of~~ ~~one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the mean thickness of the coating is at least 2  $\mu\text{m}$ , ~~preferably at least 4  $\mu\text{m}$  and in particular at least 6  $\mu\text{m}$ .~~

Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (New): A vehicle body part, a vent, or a window comprising said product as claimed in claim 10.